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Randy W. Gibson

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

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2. ☐ The allowed claim(s) is/are _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification:

On page 11, after line 25, inserted:

Figures 5 and 6 show exploded views of features A and B, respectively, of Figure 4;

Figure 7 shows, in plan, side, front and sectioned front views, a container for a weight sensor housed within the housing shown in Figure 4, in accordance with the invention;

Figure 8 shows, in plan, side, and front views, a mould for the housing shown in Figure 4, in accordance with the invention;

Figure 9 shows an exploded view of feature C of the sectioned front view through line X-X shown in the plan view of Figure 7;

Figure 10 shows a cross section through line Y-Y of Figure 8; and,

Figure 11 shows an exploded view of feature D of Figure 10.

Figure 12 shows, in side view, a housing for a weight sensor; and

Figure 13 shows, in side sectional view, a pad for fitment to a weight sensor.

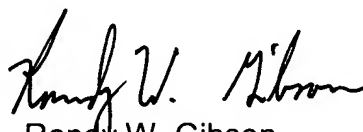
Applicant's attorney was contacted by telephone twice to inform him about the discrepancy between the brief description of the drawings in the substitute specification (filed 29 March 2006) and the actual drawings in the file. Applicant did not respond to the examiner's telephone inquiries, so the examiner cut and pasted the language from two previously filed amendments (filed 8/20/06 & 12/8/06), that had been made to the original specification, into this examiner's amendment, which applicant seemed to imply that he wanted in his "Response to Notice of Drawing Inconsistency" letter received on 3 November 2006.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Randy W. Gibson whose telephone number is (571) 272-2103. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri., 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean A. Reichard can be reached on (571) 272-1984. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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